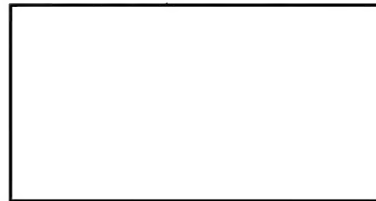Executive ..... /
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Executive Assistant to DCI-Designate

1. It appears to Admiral Turner that the argument against making the budget figures public falls apart if the opposition can clearly demonstrate that there would be a gain by making the figures public and that some of the more sophisticated citizens could actually find the figures meaningful and useful. Just saying there is nothing to gain by disclosing the figures is not a strong reason not to do so.

2. He doesn't clearly understand what damage would result by providing further breakdowns. Does it really make any difference if the public knows how much you spend on collection versus production or collection versus covert action or on clandestine collection versus technical collection or support versus operations? Has the erosion actually damaged the Atomic Energy Commission's capability? If the public wants a 15-page detailed breakdown, then why not give it to them?

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Remarks:

Please develop coordinated response.

Executive Secretary

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